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Palestinians kill, wound 5 Israelis

April 18 (R)—Palestinian commandos said tonight they had killed or wounded five members of an Israeli police unit in Jerusalem today. The Palestine News Agency said the commandos planted a time bomb on a road in the Talbiat industrial area. It blew up as the patrol approached along the road, the agency added. The commandos planted bombs in two buses at a junction in Jerusalem yesterday. The bombings killed or wounded an unknown number of passengers. The agency said the commandos fought a six-hour battle with Israeli gun positions at Zait, in the central sector with Lebanon, late Monday night. It said the commandos destroyed an Israeli tank, two armoured cars and an army jeep. Six commandos were killed in the battle.

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IF suspends Egypt

ABI, April 18 (Agencies) — The Arab Monetary Fund (AMF) today suspended Egypt from membership in retaliation for signing a peace treaty with Israel, the Emirates News Agency reported.

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lion.) In Cairo, Egyptian Prime Minister Mostapha Khalil today said the OPEC decision to suspend Egypt was motivated by a grudge. He told the authoritative Cairo newspaper Al Ahram there was nothing in the OPEC charter

which allowed the suspension or expulsion of a member state. Dr. Khalil added that resolutions suspending Egypt's membership in inter-Arab organizations "will not move (the Middle East) cause and have nothing to do with it."

Egyptians today vote on treaty, elections

CAIRO, April 18 (R)—Some 10 million Egyptians are expected to give overwhelming approval to Egypt's peace treaty with Israel and President Anwar Sadat's request for an early general election when they vote in a referendum tomorrow.

President Sadat has called the referendum mainly to demonstrate to other Arab countries that he has vast domestic support for the bilateral treaty, despite their decision to impose a total political, economic and diplomatic boycott on Egypt.

Mr. Sadat, who has frequently complained about the behaviour of the present parliament, has apparently decided to take advantage of the referendum to get his people's approval to bring elections forward by two years. Mr. Sadat has always polled more than 90 per cent support in previous referendums and tomorrow is expected to be no exception.

The general election would be the first multi-party polling since the 1952 revolution which overthrew the monarchy. Members of the present parliament were elected under the umbrella of the now defunct Arab Socialist Union (ASU).

The leftist Unionist Progressive Party (UPP), which has two seats in parliament, urged Egyptians to vote "no" in the referendum. It said that the referendum was "a setback for democracy."

The party attacked the peace treaty during its debate in parliament earlier this month. UPP leader Khaled Mubieddin said his party rejected the treaty on the ground that it would not bring peace to the Middle East.

Folling will be from eight a.m. to five p.m. First results are expected on Friday and the full results will be published on Saturday.

April 18 (AP) — At least a dozen persons were killed, when a bomb went off in a movie theater in today, police sources said Wednesday. They said the bomb was hidden in a bag placed in a central row in a plush avenue of Kadikoy, on the Asian side of the city. An estimated 200 spectators fled in panic after the explosion. No organisation claimed responsibility for the bombing.

April 18 (R) — Cuban Transport Minister Antonio arrived today on the third leg of a tour to invite the states to the non-aligned summit conference in member. He has already visited Bahrain and Qatar.

April 18 (R)—A Palestinian leader was quoted today as saying that a pact of alliance and solidarity linking Jordan, Saudi Arabia and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). Zuheir Mohsen, head of the PLO, also praised last month's Baghdad conference and economy ministers in an interview with the newspaper Al-Qabas. He told the paper's Beirut hat, while the conference had taken no measures to end the Arab boycott of Israel, it had asserted Arab support for many American plans. Sudan and Oman were Arab states which supported the Egyptian position.

April 18 (R)—China has told Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat that the Middle East developments would be no peace unless Israel withdrew from the occupied territories and Palestinians regained their rights. The Agency said Chinese leader Hua Guofeng told Arafat: "The Chinese government and people have concern over the latest developments in the Middle East. We express our sympathy with the Palestinian people, particularly at this phase of their struggle for a just solution in the Middle East can be achieved through the Palestinian people's recovery of their land and Israel's withdrawal from all occupied Arab territories."

April 18 (R)—The Soviet Union today asked Iran to the strength of United States forces in the Indian Ocean posed by the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty, the agency reported. The agency said Soviet Ambassador Vinogradov conveyed the message today to the Iranian foreign ministry official's policy in the Indian Ocean was to oppose any powers from outside the region. The security of the area should be preserved by the countries of the region. On the Middle East, Iran's position was clear in the Egyptian-Israeli treaty. Pars quoted the official news agency.

April 18 (R)—Belgian Foreign Minister Henri Simonet today said that Mr. Simonet will arrive on Monday, and discuss Belgian participation in Saudi Arabia and Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal on Monday, the spokesman said.

April 18 (R)—Bulgaria and South Yemen today signed a peace treaty and called on all Arab states to join it. In a joint communique issued in Sofia, the two countries said the peace treaty would lead to a "normalization of the situation" in the area. It said both countries supported the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and the Palestinian people. The Bulgarian representative, Stanko Todorov, said the three documents aimed at stepping up trade and technical cooperation.

April 18 (R)—The Oman Navy rescued the 16-man crew of a small Greek tanker which sank off the coast of Oman after an explosion on board, officials said. The explosion on the 3,407-ton Ladon was not known until it was found with a cargo of cement for Iran, 80 kilometres east of the Omani coast, the navy said. There were some Pakistanis and Sri Lankans on board, officials said.



His Majesty King Hussein opening a medical symposium organized by the Jordanian Medical Association in Amman Wednesday. Details on page 2. (JNA photo)

Haddad declares independent state in southern Lebanon

METULLAH, Israel, April 18 (R)—The commander of right-wing Christian forces in South Lebanon today declared the region an independent "Free Lebanon."

Maj. Saad Haddad told a press conference in Metullah that the decision to declare an independent Lebanon in the south of the country was taken at a meeting of representatives of the 100,000 inhabitants south of the Litani River, held at Marjayoun this morning.

The move followed the arrival in U.N.-controlled areas of South Lebanon of a 500-strong Lebanese army contingent.

Maj. Haddad said the new

independent region would only recognise the authority of the Beirut government again after all Palestinian and Syrian troops had left Lebanon.

Calling for the resignation of Lebanese President Elias Sarkis, he described the Palestinians as disruptive foreign forces. Maj. Haddad has been disavowed by the Lebanese government.

Major Haddad said he had not consulted Israel before declaring an independent state in southern Lebanon and had not had time to consider whether Israel would support his move.

The area under the control of the Falangist militia led by Maj. Haddad covers some 900 square

Under Israeli, militia shelling barrage Regular army sets up HQ in South Lebanon

TYRE, South Lebanon, April 18 (Agencies)—A Lebanese army column today rolled into United Nations-controlled areas in South Lebanon

under a barrage of shelling from right-wing militiamen which crashed down within 25 metres of its new headquarters.

Men of the 500-man contingent leapt from their trucks and scattered as the militiamen opened fire from a border enclave, while tension mounted elsewhere in volatile southern Lebanon.

U.N. sources said two children were killed when the headquarters of the U.N. Irish battalion was shelled by rightists. And Israeli heavy artillery could be heard pounding areas around the port of Tyre, a Palestinian stronghold.

A U.N. spokesman meanwhile confirmed a clash at U.N. headquarters at Naqoura on the Lebanon-Israel border. He said a Norwegian U.N. helicopter came under rightist machine-gun fire as it was about to land in Naqoura. U.N. armoured personnel returned

ned the fire. Three uniformed gunmen tried to lay explosives around the headquarters while a further machine-gun burst was fired from militia positions, the spokesman said.

One rightist was killed and one was wounded in the exchange, the spokesman said, but he made no mention of unconfirmed reports that an American officer had been abducted by the rightists.

The spokesman said U.N. civilian staff at Naqoura had been evacuated following the clash. The Israeli border had been closed and staff were waiting on the Lebanese side to cross.

The long-awaited Lebanese army move is aimed at re-establishing a government presence in troubled southern Lebanon, south of the Litani River. But the right-wing militia, under the command of renegade army major Saad Haddad, hold a 15-kilometre wide enclave along the Israeli border and refuse to bow to either government or U.N. control.

The Israeli-backed militia rained shells on Dardghaiya, a hilltop village, 16 kilometres from the Israeli border, as soon as the Lebanese column arrived.

The convoy ground to a halt as troops took cover but later moved on again. Lebanese sources said two Lebanese soldiers were wounded in the shelling. Further West along the coast, Israeli shells fired across southern Lebanon from 175 mm guns, killed two people and injured eight, the sources said.

The deployment of Lebanese forces alongside the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) was called for last January by the U.N.

Security Council, which gave Lebanon until tomorrow to send its forces south.

Palestinian commandos formed up in loose ranks as the column of trucks, armoured cars and jeeps passed the Litani River. The Palestinians made no attempt to interfere with the convoy.

There was no return fire when the rightists bombed the provisional Lebanese headquarters today. One shell landed across a road, 25 metres from the villa housing the Lebanese officers, who are under UNIFIL's command.

The Lebanese army split into rightist and leftist factions in early 1976 during the civil war here and today's operation was one of the first carried out by the newly rebuilt force which still must face the challenge of direct combat.

Most of the Lebanese troops are to be stationed well back from direct confrontation lines, but within range of Israeli and rightist guns.

Lebanese soldiers dispersed today in the hills around here to dig in after the shelling, while smaller units of 30 to 40 men were sent to five of the seven U.N. battalions in southern Lebanon, U.N. officials said.

In Damascus, Syrian President Hafez Al Assad conferred today with visiting Lebanese Premier Salim Al Hoss on the situation in Lebanon and latest Arab developments.

Dr. Hoss later left Damascus to return to Beirut.

The government daily newspaper Tishrin said today that Syria would continue to support Lebanon and was anxious to preserve its integrity.

Civilians reported massacred by pro-Amin Ugandan troops

KAMPALA, April 18 (Agencies)—Troops of ousted Ugandan dictator Idi Amin massacred civilians in East Uganda in reprisal for their military defeat by the Tanzanian-led anti-Amin forces, refugees said today.

Ugandans who fled into Kenya said retreating bands of Field Marshal Amin's soldiers slaughtered the district commissioner at the border town of Tororo, while other citizens were dragged from their homes and shot.

"They are killing everybody in Tororo," said Miss Kabazoga, Tororo's assistant district commissioner, who reached Kenya and telephoned Nairobi, the capital.

The latest victory by forces of the new transitional Ugandan government was reported by Akena P'Ojok, its minister of power, who said last night that they had secured the Owen Falls dam which carries a road bridge across the Nile at Jinja. Tanzanian soldiers thrust east from Kampala to take the dam and secure its power station, source of almost all Uganda's electricity, against the danger of sabotage, he said.

But the bulk of the army had last night still to reach Jinja 80 kilometres east of Kampala, in its drive to gain control of the entire country.

One half of Uganda is not yet in the new government's hands and is still roamed by disorderly gangs of pro-Amin soldiers.

Field Marshal Amin is keeping his whereabouts a secret. Various unconfirmed reports have had him fleeing to Libya or Iraqi sanctuary, or in northern Uganda with a bodyguard.

After saying that Uganda had inflation running at 700 per cent a year, the new government imposed limits on cash withdrawals from banks today in a first step towards coping with the national bankruptcy left by Amin's eight-year rule.

The country has potentially rich food and coffee resources to help a revival but order must first be restored, the Jinja power station

held and the vital supply route further east to Kenya secured.

New Foreign Minister Otema Alimisi told diplomats in Kampala today Uganda needed international help with the task of reconstruction.

Iran's Islamic rulers appeal for unity

TEHRAN, April 18 (R)—About 10,000 Iranian troops and hundreds of thousands of civilians paraded through the streets of Tehran today as the country's Islamic rulers issued separate appeals for national unity.

Revolutionary leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini organised the public show of solidarity to mark "Islamic Forces Day", which will be staged as an annual event. Tanks, armoured cars and a handful of anti-aircraft guns were paraded and three Phantom jets roared overhead to the cheers of the crowds.

Meanwhile, Ayatollah Khomeini and the secret all-powerful revolutionary council he is believed to head issued separate statements today calling for unity and attacking forces who want to reverse the revolution.

Apparently referring to demonstrations by tens of thousands of people throughout Iran yesterday, the council said "opportunists are taking every chance for provocation and discord, trying to pave the way for another regime of the Pahlavi (the exiled Shah's dynasty) type."

Neither Ayatollah Khomeini nor the council personally attacked Ayatollah Mahmoud Taleghani, the country's second best known religious leader who has been in hiding for several days to protest against abuse of power by some elements in the country.

But the council's statement called on Ayatollah Taleghani to return to his Tehran home to prevent "opportunists" from exploit-

ing the sensitive situation.

A taped statement from Ayatollah Taleghani himself, also broadcast on the state radio, asked people not to march in his support and warned against opportunists leading Iran to political extremes.

The three statements appeared to indicate a closing of ranks among Ayatollah Khomeini, the rebel Ayatollah Taleghani and the secret revolutionary council, as they all concentrated their attacks on a common, though undefined, enemy.

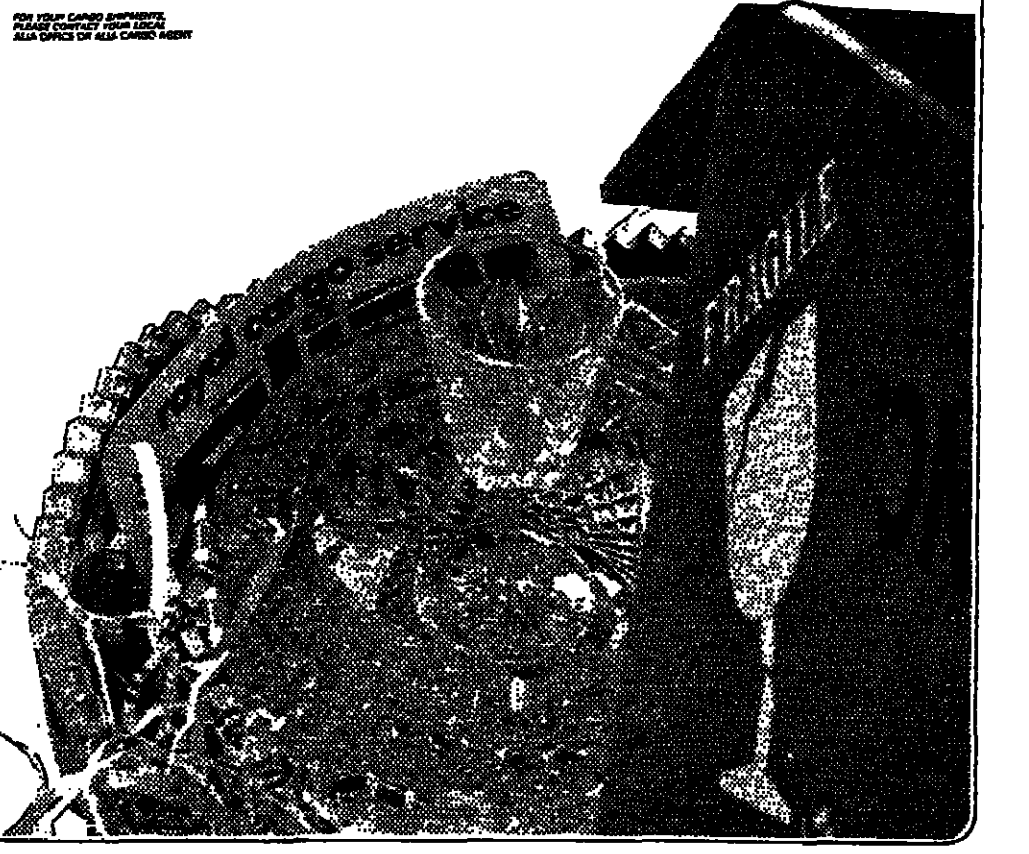
The state radio today announced six more executions in Tehran and one in Kerman after secret revolutionary trials, bringing the total so far to 138. There had been a lull in executions yesterday for the first time in 12 days. In Kerman, two people were acquitted and 12 got jail sentences of between three months and 10 years.

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African safari

THE U.S. State Department has sent a mission to Africa to try to drum up support for the separate Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty. It will focus on such "pro-Western" states as Nigeria, Senegal, Liberia, Ivory Coast, Sudan, Zaire and Kenya. The head-hunting mission hopes to line these countries up behind the treaty and encourage them to restore diplomatic relations with Israel, broken off by African nations virtually en masse after the 1973 war.

Africa's position on the Middle East, as defined by the official stance of the Organisation of African Unity, is clear, despite divergences in the policies of individual African states. The OAU could not accept the occupation of the territory (Sinai) of one of its founding members (Egypt).

Israel had made important diplomatic, economic and strategic inroads in Africa before 1973, and the severance of relations after the October war was a sharp blow to those Israeli interests. More broadly, the African consensus identifies the Palestinian struggle with Africa's own liberation movements, strongly condemns Israel's collaboration with the apartheid regime in South Africa, and shares the view that Zionism is a form of racism.

Now, of course, the U.S. will attempt to argue that Israel has committed itself to withdraw from Sinai, and that it is therefore time for the West's African clients to reinstate their relations with Israel. It is but another attempt to divide Arab opinion (nine OAU members are also in the Arab League) and isolate those Arabs who oppose the peace treaty.

But a lot has changed since 1973, and Africa is all too aware of the role which U.S. foreign policy would assign to it in the competition with the Soviet Union for strategic supremacy in the continent. Africa, unlike Egypt, is not for sale.

Israel is more than eager to get back in the continent in a big way: the Horn of Africa conflict, for example, has afforded Israel a chance to strike at Arab interests by secretly helping the "Marxist" Ethiopian military junta in its wars against Somalia and Eritrea.

But the U.S. envoys will find that most Africans see little enticement to make themselves parties to a policy which is designed to manipulate their destinies, together with those of their fraternal neighbours in the Arab World. Besides, Africa has more than enough problems of its own.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA'I WEDNESDAY SAYS "It is regrettable now that the (U.S.-Egyptian-Israeli) tripartite coalition has succeeded in making a separate peace treaty, that another coalition has emerged comprised of the Israeli, Lebanese and the Kuwaiti press."

"Although we understand the position of the Israeli press in supporting the occupation authorities, we cannot but give the following explanations for the drift in the Lebanese and Kuwaiti press which is in line with the current hostility to Jordan's nationalistic stand," the paper says.

"Either these papers are allied with the Camp David group—which we do not rule out at the moment because of the peculiar timing of these campaigns against Jordan—or they have been recruited to serve some other purpose, namely taking the Palestinian responsibility off their backs so that it will be shouldered by Jordan alone."

"Jordan will continue to adhere to its position until Israel withdraws from the occupied Arab territories, and recognises the unquestionable and legitimate rights of the Palestinians," the paper says.

The Lebanese and the Kuwaiti papers "have only themselves to blame. Jordan is above the lies of the Israeli, Kuwaiti and Lebanese press. These papers ought to realise that their lies have been exposed and will not be swallowed by anyone," the paper concludes.

AL DUSTOUR lists six reasons why "Israeli media are maintaining a concentrated barrage of lies against Jordan:

"First, Jordan has frustrated the Israeli endeavours to present the Arab position (on the Camp David agreements) as negative and hostile to peace."

"Second, Jordan has been successful in preserving Arab solidarity during the Baghdad foreign and economy ministers conference."

"Third, Jordan assumed a vital role in putting an end to the bloody dispute between North and South Yemen."

"Fourth, Jordan has always urged the Arabs to build up their indigenous strength."

"Fifth, Jordan's strategic position makes it a shield for the Arab nation."

"Sixth, national cohesion, which characterises our people, is the real force behind the steadfastness and stability of Jordan."

"For all these reasons," the paper says, "Israel has been unable to hide its indignation against Jordan, which it regards as a firm rock in the way of Israeli expansionism in the area. This indignation manifests itself in lies launched by the Israeli media against Jordan."

In conclusion, the paper regrets that several Arab papers have become involved in propagating the Israeli lies, and hopes that these papers will realise "that their support of the Israeli campaign is a present to Israel offered on a silver platter."

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Arab union of railways established

AMMAN, April 18 (JNA)—A union of Arab railways was set up today, the advisor to the Council of Arab Economic Unity, Bakr Sadek, announced here today. Agreement on establishing the union came on the second day of a three-day meeting by representatives of Arab railway corporations.

Mr. Sadek said the representatives have named the Syrian city of Aleppo to be the venue for the union's headquarters and elected the union's board of directors. The board has eight members representing Jordan, Syria, Iraq, Libya, Tunisia, Morocco, Palestine and Lebanon, the states attending the meeting.

The new board will hold its first meeting here tomorrow to elect a president and vice president. Mr. Sadek said.

Land and survey director leaves for Damascus

AMMAN, April 18 (JNA) — Director general of the land and survey department, Badri Mulqi, left for Damascus yesterday for a three-day visit. He will look into the Syrian system of land estate offices and will acquaint himself with programmes of training at the land survey institute. The land and survey department intends to open an institute for training land surveyors this year, Mr. Mulqi said.

National News Roundup

Soviet writers delegation meets Minister of Culture

AMMAN, April 18 (JNA)—A visiting delegation of Soviet writers held talks here today with the Minister of Culture and Youth, Sharif Fawwaz Sharaf, on ways of promoting cultural ties between Jordan and the Soviet Union. The three-member delegation representing the Soviet Union of Writers arrived here last night on a week-long visit at the invitation of the Ministry of Culture and Youth. The Soviet delegation later visited the University of Jordan and met with its vice president, Dr. Abdul Karim Gharaybeh, who briefed it on the university's development and programme.

ICAO official meets Transport Minister

AMMAN, April 18 (JNA)—Minister of Transport Ali Subeimat discussed here today with a visiting senior official of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), Mr. Jack Vivian, the organisation's programme of technical aid for Jordan. This includes the supply of equipment and expertise to the Civil Aviation Directorate's technical institute with the aim of training 460 officials to operate the Queen Alia International Airport. Attending the meeting was Director General of the Civil Aviation Directorate Sharif Ghazi Rakan and the UNDP representative in Jordan, Mr. Vivian, who is director of ICAO's technical assistance bureau, arrived here today at the start of a three-day visit for talks mainly with civil aviation officials.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Geographic Exhibit

The French Cultural Centre is displaying an exhibition of maps and topographical equipment organised by the Jordan National Geographic Centre and the French Mapping Group. The exhibit is open during regular hours.

Photo Exhibit

The Soviet Cultural Centre presents a display of photos to commemorate the 109th birthday of Lenin. Open during regular hours.

Art Exhibit

The Dept. of Culture and Arts presents an exhibition of paintings by the fine arts students of the Centre for Music and Fine Arts at the Art Gallery, Ministry of Culture and Youth. Open during regular hours.

Children's Film

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King Hussein opens medical symposium

AMMAN, April 18 (JNA)—His Majesty King Hussein opened here today a medical symposium organised and sponsored by the Jordanian Medical Association. Taking part in the symposium are medical experts of various specialisations as well as nearly 600 doctors from Arab and foreign countries.

In an address at the opening session, King Hussein outlined Jordan's achievements in the medical field and improvements in health services which, he said, were the fruit of cooperation between officials and citizens.

The King told his audience of doctors and medical specialists, "You must aim at providing citizens with the best medical services... preventive and therapeutic."

The Minister of Health, Abdul Ra'uf Al Rawabdeh, also spoke during the session. The Ministry of Health now operates 11 hospitals, 80 health centres, 249 clinics and 59 mother and child care centres around the country, the minister said. The minister also spoke of plans for expanding medical services and enlarging existing hospitals.

Symposium chairman Dr. Fu'ad Kelani and the President of the Jordanian Medical Association, Jamil Maraga, also spoke during the session.

Attending the opening session were Prime Minister Mudar Badran, Chief of the Royal Court Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf, cabinet ministers as well as members of Arab and foreign diplomatic missions in Jordan.

AOAS expels Egypt, to move HQ to Amman

AMMAN, April 18 (JNA)—The Arab Organisation for Administrative Science (AOAS) decided at a meeting held here today to suspend Egypt's membership in the organisation and to transfer its headquarters from Cairo to Amman immediately.

The participants also formed a five-member committee to be headed by Dr. Nouri Shafiq from Jordan to choose a suitable building for the new headquarters and to determine its technical and administrative requirements.

Taking part in the meeting were delegates from Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Libya, Iraq, the Yemen Arab Republic, Morocco, Bahrain, Palestine, Syria, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Lebanon, Tunisia and the Arab Organisation for Administrative Science.

Also today, communications officials announced that the Arab Postal Union will hold an emergency conference in Qatar early next month to discuss the possible suspension of Egypt's membership for signing a peace treaty with Israel.

The conference was also expected to discuss the removal of the union's headquarters from Cairo to some other Arab capital, they added.

The union, which includes all Arab states, was created in 1952 as an organ of the Arab League.

An Arab-foreign and economy ministers' conference in Baghdad in March decided to transfer Arab League headquarters from Cairo to Tunis and agreed to impose an economic, political and diplomatic boycott on Egypt for signing the pact.

S. Australia to aid in fodder production

AMMAN, April 18 (JNA)—The state of South Australia will help Jordan carry out a project for producing fodder in rain-fed regions, a spokesman for the Ministry of Agriculture announced here today. He said South Australia will supply the necessary know-how and equipment for the project which is to be carried out in stages in two areas where rain-fall exceeds three millimetres.

Agreement on the project was reached during talks held at the Ministry of Agriculture here today between a Jordanian team led by the Minister of Agriculture, Hikmat Al Saket, and a South Australian team led by the visiting Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, Brian Chatterton.

Earlier today Mr. Chatterton and his accompanying delegation visited several agricultural projects in the southern governorate of Karak.

Mining Co. director leaves for Kuwait

AMMAN, April 18 (JNA) — Director General of the Arab Mining Company Thabet Al Taher left for Kuwait yesterday to take part in the general assembly meetings of the union of Arab producers of chemical fertilisers. The union's board will review during its two day meeting starting tomorrow the union's project carried out in 1978 and future plans.

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NOTE BOOK

An immodest proposal

By Rami G. Khouri

IT IS PART of the philosophy of the Jordanian national superstructure that the private sector should have a major role to play in domestic economic affairs. This has been appreciated and acted upon by the private sector, and has in turn been digested by the state, which displays its understanding of the balance of economic power inside Jordan by allocating just over 50 per cent of the projected investments of the current five-year plan to the private sector, while the state itself expects to account only for the remaining 49.9 per cent of investments.

But we may be on the brink of seeing how the excesses of the private sector can be counterproductive to the developmental strategy of the country as a whole. Consequently, we may also be on the brink of seeing the state's authorities come face-to-face with a set of decisions that—in my personal opinion—have been long delayed.

One of these concerns the growth of Amman. The city and suburbs of Amman account for something like half the population of Jordan. If the greater Amman region is considered, including Zarqa, then this larger unit accounts for nearly three-fourths of the country's population. For various reasons, this is an undesirable situation. We all know this, but what is being done to stop the growth of Amman?

It is in this hazy matter of the growth of Amman, and the virtual non-growth of other regions of the country, that we can see the clash between the private sector's profit-motivated interests, and the state's desire to promote balanced growth leading to an equitable provision of social services—and therefore a real sharing of the fruits of socio-economic development—among all areas of the country.

Private investors see that there is a demand for housing in Amman, and they build more homes for sale or rent. This has been happening in a spectacular manner for the past three years. But what kind of situation do we find ourselves in today?

In many city streets, there is not enough parking space for all the residents' cars. Many new homes—along the University Road, for example—do not have piped water from the municipal water system (a blessing, some would argue, but never mind that argument, for the moment). In most of the city, there are no proper parks for children to play in, so main thoroughfares have to double as go football fields when the children come home after school. And on and on...

I do not mean only to complain about the ills of life in Amman. I do wonder seriously, however, whether there are any optimistic signs to make one think that the future will bring a better quality of life.

Taking my journalistic responsibilities seriously, I do not intend only to complain without

making a constructive suggestion. My suggestion this week is simply that all new construction should be banned in the Amman region (except, of course, for vital and essential public institutions, such as hospitals, schools, or shopping stands, to serve the needs of the existing population).

At first, this sounds like a drastic measure, but in the absence of such moves we will drift along the present situation, in which the logical motives of private investors push this country as a mass of unsustainable socio-economic traditions. It is a pretty logical idea—in an opinion—to bring water to Amman from the Yarmouk River. It makes a great deal more sense to stop the growth of Amman with some drastic measures about which people will complain in a few years, in order to promote the growth of other areas of the country, which will give people economic and other incentives to live and do homes and businesses outside the Amman region. The experience of the past several decades teaches us that this will never happen by itself, it will certainly never happen on any meaningful scale according to present strategies.

I know the government is already trying to promote the slower growth of Amman in favour of faster growth in provincial areas. But the policy now being employed is too weak and too casual.

It may seem rather harsh to forbid the construction of any new buildings in Amman, but I think this is the sort of decisiveness that has come from the government if it is to be taken seriously in its current endeavours. If the government tells me that it is working to build a dam on the Yarmouk River to bring water to Amman, why should I go live in Irbid, when life in Amman will be so much easier? What reason do I have to go live in Ma'an or Kerak or Ajlun?

Apart from being told by the government that it is good for me, I don't have much reason to believe that the government is bringing me drink water to Amman from the Yarmouk River. It is to do this because of the needs of all the people living in Amman in new houses built by a rational and sensible investor who sees a profit in house-building, a profit that the government approves of by its adherence to the principle of sanctity of private enterprise.

So, we have the collision of two sets of principles—investors who want to make money and a government that wants to bring social justice to its citizens. The logical result of this is ever will be a catastrophe, as Amman develops into another Cairo, where sidewalks, telephones have long since ceased to exist properly, and buildings fall down now and then.

Some decisiveness today will avert some of the troubles ten years from now. Banning the construction of any new buildings in Amman, pondering the meaning of this later, would be a good way to start.

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Jordan valley environmental impact study nears completion

By Sara O'Neill
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, April 18—The Jordan Valley has been the setting in recent weeks for an environmental impact assessment study, the first one of its kind to be carried out on such a large scale outside the United States.

The team of experts sent here to study the impact of the proposed Maqarin Dam and Jordan Valley Irrigation System Project Stage II have just returned to their head office in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where they are now hard at work preparing a draft report to be handed in on May 15.

Field investigations and interviews with authorities concerned with development of the Jordan Valley were carried out during the last eight weeks by Arthur D. Little Inc. in cooperation with Harvard University's Institute for Conservation Archaeology. Arthur D. Little is one of the United States' largest management and technical consulting companies which has conducted environmental impact assessments of many infrastructure/development projects throughout the world.

The assessment study is a legal requirement of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) which is helping finance the construction of Maqarin Dam. The Environmental Protection Act, which has been in force for some years in the United States, has recently been amended to cover all major overseas projects funded by the U.S. government. Although a multiple environmental study was carried out in the summer of 1977 for a sewage plant in Alexandria, Egypt, the study in the Jordan Valley is the first fully comprehensive one to be conducted outside the United States.

The purposes of the study—apart from satisfying the legal requirements of USAID, that its funds will not be used to cause unnecessary harm to Jordan's environment—are to assist the Jordan Valley Authority to foresee possible adverse effects of the dam and other projects in Stage II and to recommend modifications, if needed, to mitigate or eliminate expected environmental degradation.

The Maqarin Dam, which is the main element planned for the Stage II project, will span the Yarmouk River in the far north of the country. The Yarmouk, which marks part of the frontiers between Syria and Jordan, and Jordan and Israel, is the main tributary of the River Jordan. The approximately 125 metre-high dam, when completed, will store 250 million cubic metres of water, five times as much as the King Talal Dam.

The dam, which is at present in

the final design stage, is expected to be completed in 1983-4; there will then be enough water to allow the East Ghor Canal to be extended a final 14½ kilometres down to the Dead Sea and thus irrigate land at the southern tip of the valley.

Other elements planned for Stage II are: a 20 MW powerplant at King Talal Dam; a diversion weir across the Yarmouk River at the existing intake to the East Ghor Canal; diversion facilities on Wadi's Yabis, Kuf-ringa and Rajib and sprinkler irrigation system for 25,353 hectares (see map for details).

The team studying the biotic, physical and human environment of the valley included specialists in public administration, environmental health, regional planning, agricultural economics and civil engineers as well as a biologist, an ecologist, a sociologist, an anthropologist and an archaeologist (the last two supplied by Harvard University).

The primary environmental concerns relate to construction and land preparation activities, inundation of the Maqarin Reservoir area, changes in streamflow patterns, changes in agricultural practices and changes in demographic and social characteristics.

The experts have been considering these concerns in the contexts of terrestrial and aquatic resources, sociocultural characteristics and public health. The team collaborated with members of the JVA, the ministries of agriculture, education and health and other local government bodies in studying the proposed project sites and reviewing existing studies and data.

The different members of the team were all so busy during their brief stay that it was hard to catch up with any of them. According to Alan Sloan, the regional planner, who took over from Robert Terry (public administrator) as team leader for social studies in the closing stages of the study, everyone had had a most interesting time in Jordan and enjoyed themselves tremendously.

As a regional planner Mr. Sloan has been principally concerned with the effect of the irrigation project on the lives of the valley's inhabitants. He was very impressed by the fertility of the valley and the fact that three or four crops could be produced every year. The Jordan Valley Authority projects will greatly increase agricultural productivity and encourage more settlers to come to the area.

Although nothing could be said officially until the report is handed in it seems that no major environmental problems have been encountered which might delay or drastically alter Stage II of the Jordan Valley Irrigation System.

UNRWA girls school opens book exhibit

By Breda Finegan
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, April 18—The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees (UNRWA) schools in Jordan are devoting a great deal of time and energy to the International Year of the Child. At every opportunity the pupils in their schools both inside and outside of Amman organise exhibitions, variety shows and displays of Palestinian crafts.

These programmes often last no longer than one day and therefore don't attract large numbers of the public. However, there is presently a book exhibition on at Jabal Nuzha Girls School No. 1 which will remain open until Saturday, and is well worth a visit.

The school is extremely proud of its library, and headmistress Mrs. Maleeha Khairy delights in telling its short history. In eight years the library has grown from nothing to an impressive collection of 9,000 books, 8,180 in Arabic and 820 in English.

For this week's exhibition a lot of the newer and more attractive books in the library have been arranged on tables and some have even been hung from the ceiling by enthusiastic pupils. The room is, of course, too small to display all 9,000 books in this manner so only a part of what the library has to offer is on display.

Manning the exhibition are pupils who have proved to be outstanding readers for their ages. Khitam Abdul Jabbar Tayyim, 10 years old, is proud to tell you, if you ask her, that she has read 103 books during the present scholastic year. Khitam won first prize in the Ministry of Education national reading competition this year, and is even able to say just how many pages the 103 books contained—a grand total of 10,410. Jabal Nuzha Girls School No. 1 was established in 1969 but when Mrs. Khairy joined it in 1971 "not a single piece of paper was left here," she said. This was the result of the civil disturbances at that time.

One of the first things Mrs. Khairy did, was to see about

gathering books for a library. An enthusiastic reader herself she inspires her pupils with a love and reverence for books as is indicated by the careful preservation of many older, yellowing and much thumbed copies still kept in the library.

The pupils cover books when they look worn and have organised an efficient card system for lending.

As there is no one who can devote attention to the library full time, one pupil in each class is appointed to act as librarian so that when someone wants a book they know exactly who to go to. The pupil librarians are responsible to Mrs. Aida Arafat, the Arabic teacher, who has devoted most of her spare time to the organisation and running of the library.

To begin with, Mrs. Khairy wrote for assistance to the ministries of culture and information in many Arab and non-Arab countries. She got a lot of material that could not be of immediate use since most of it was either advanced English or just tourist information. Nevertheless she kept it all and it now occupies about five shelves in the library. "That was our beginning," she says proudly.

She also related a story going back to 1976 when a visiting member of the British royal family was so impressed with the progress the library was making that she ordered 1,200 Arabic books to be sent to the school from Beirut.

Mrs. Khairy seems to have the knack of getting assistance from

all kinds of sources. Even the book shelves were donated by a kind carpenter in Amman.

Although the exhibition is being held during the International Year of the Child and has been dedicated to it, the students have also titled it "Book and Child Week". They have designed and made little red badges illustrating this theme.

The American Centre on Jabal Amman also helped out by lending some metal display rods which the girls used to best advantage by erecting them in the middle of each table and pegging books on them.

The mobile library of the Haya Arts Centre calls at the other two Jabal Nuzha girls schools every two weeks but never at School No. 1 "because they have all our titles already," the girl in the mobile library told the Jordan Times.

One way to get more books is to make them yourself and this is exactly what the pupils are doing.

Each year the girls have a project to do. They use the library for research and compile their own "project books" with illustrations and written information on their chosen topics. These project books are then given a permanent home in the library.

Among the many project-books I saw on display at the exhibition were ones dealing with petroleum, agriculture, and religion. Even the first year pupils (6 years) make a project book for the school each year. These are particularly attractive—simple pictorial books, with the pages bound together with coloured ribbon.

Soon the school may have a specially-built room in which to house its thousands of books, since UNRWA is planning to build libraries for all the UNRWA schools in Jordan. Mrs. Khairy grins and says: "They have been in Jordan for thirty years and are only now building libraries?"



Headmistress Mrs. Maleeha Khairy poses at the exhibition with some of her prize-winning pupils. Left to right: Wedad Abdul Kader, Raideh Al Latta, Arwa Khassan, Khitam Abdul Jabbar Tayyim and Hiam Abed Al Fateh.

AMMAN STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

NAME OF COMPANY	Par Value	Volume Traded	Last Buying Offer	Last Selling Offer	Closing Price
Jordan Petroleum Co.	JD 5,000	5,114	6,790	6,800	6,790
Jordan Cement Factories	JD 10,000	4,441	—	14,200	14,100
Khaitam Abdul Jabbar Tayyim	JD 1,000	102	—	2,200	2,190
Arab Pharmaceutical Co.	JD 5,000	2,497	22,250	—	22,500
Jordan-Kuwait Bank	JD 1,000	1,500	1,510	—	1,500
Jordan-Gulf Bank	JD 1,000	618	1,030	1,050	1,030
Dar Aldawa Development and Investment Co.	JD 1,000	126	2,530	2,560	2,530
General Mining Co.	JD 1,000	246	0,910	0,930	0,920
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1,000	1,420	1,420	1,430	1,420
Jordan Ceramic Industries	JD 1,000	178	0,880	0,900	0,890
Paper and Cardboard Factories	JD 1,000	182	0,910	0,980	0,910
Jordan Lime and Silicate Brick Industries Co.	JD 5,000	3,539	—	—	4,290
Jordan French Insurance Co.	JD 10,000	215	—	—	10,750
Arab Investment Bank	JD 1,000	530	1,060	—	1,060
Jordan Bank	JD 5,000	2,220	7,350	7,480	7,400
Petra Bank	JD 10,000	23,301	—	—	11,300
Jordan Brewery Co.	JD 1,000	99	—	—	1,650
Jordan Confectionary and Chocolate Factories	JD 1,000	135	—	—	1,000
Arab Chemical Detergents Industries Co.	JD 1,000	1,110	—	—	1,110

Total volume traded, Wednesday, April 18: JD 47,573
Total number of shares traded: 9,450

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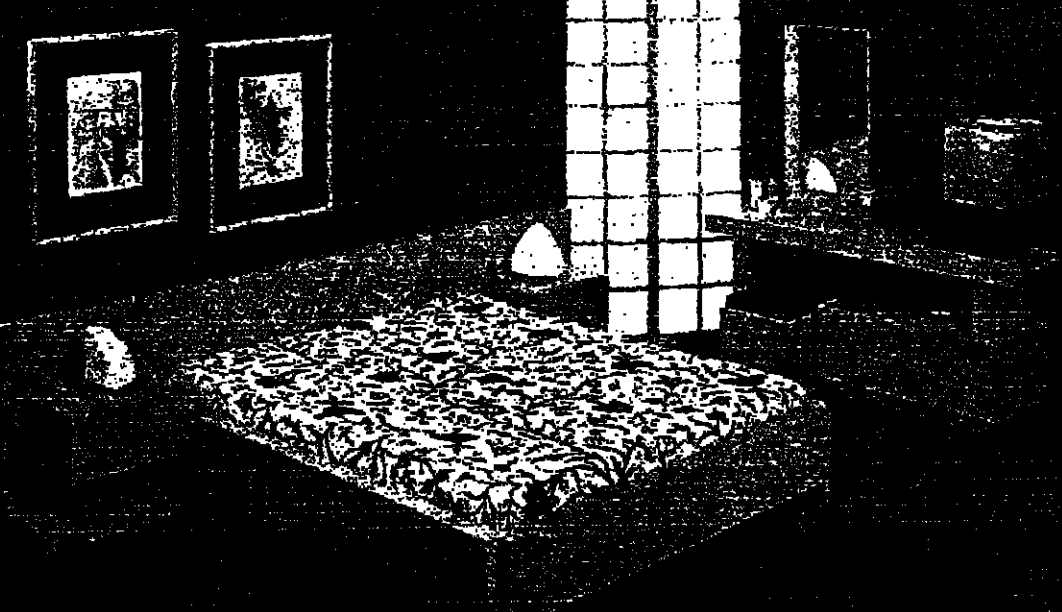
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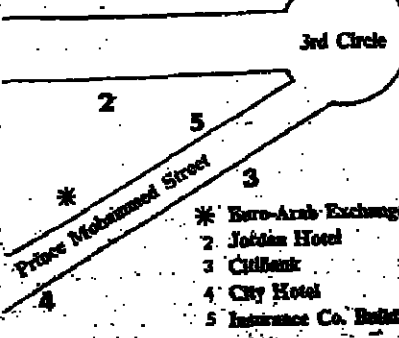
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Sri Lanka refuses cricket match with Israel

AUBO, April 18 (R)—Sri Lanka will refuse to play Israel in the World Cup cricket competition which begins in England next month, the country's foreign affairs minister, Sahul Hameed, said here yesterday. Mr. Hameed told a press conference that Sri Lanka would definitely not play any sport with Israel because they have suspended diplomatic relations with that country.

Chris Evert, John Lloyd take vows

FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida, April 18 (AP)—Chris Evert and John Lloyd made last-minute preparations to exchange marriage vows Tuesday night, capping a nine-month romance that began at Wimbledon scene of some of the bride's greatest tennis victories. Only about 100 relatives and close friends were invited to St. Andrews Catholic Church for a traditional ceremony to be conducted against a backdrop of altar candles by the Rev. Vincent Kelly, Evert's high school principal. Evert, top-ranked woman's tennis player, and Lloyd, a British player of lesser rank, met last June at Wimbledon. They were engaged on her 24th birthday Dec. 21.

The groom also 24, is soft-spoken and reserved, a far cry from the man Evert once was engaged to—mervugial American tennis star Jimmy Connors.

U.S. Hockey team draws with Czechs

MOSCOW, April 18 (AP)—Fighting spirit and superb goal-tending have often been chief assets for American hockey players in world and Olympic championships. Against Czechoslovakia, one of the world's top hockey powers, the young U.S. team earned a surprising 2-2 (1-1, 1-1, 0-0) draw Tuesday in final world hockey championship first-round action.

The Americans, helped by Boston University goalie Jim Craig's brilliant goalkeeping, ended up with two points after one earlier draw and finished third over-all in the tournament's B-group. The Czechs topped the group standings with five points and joined Canada, which finished with four points, the Soviet Union and Sweden in the final round of the championships. The United States will play Finland, which was last in the B-group, West Germany and Poland in the final phase of the tournament. The last placed team drops out of the elite championships.

The U.S. team, with a dozen college players who will make the backbone on next year's Olympic squad, made its strongest game so far in the tourney although the Czechs could afford a loss and still advance to the final round.



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American League					National League				
EAST					EAST				
	W	L	Pct.	GB		W	L	Pct.	GB
Milwaukee	6	3	.667	—	Montreal	7	2	.778	—
New York	6	4	.600	½	Philadelphia	5	3	.625	1½
Detroit	4	4	.500	1½	St. Louis	4	4	.500	2½
Toronto	4	4	.400	2½	Pittsburgh	4	6	.400	3½
Baltimore	3	7	.300	3½	New York	3	5	.375	3½
Cleveland	2	7	.222	4	Chicago	2	5	.286	4
WEST					WEST				
	W	L	Pct.	GB		W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	7	1	.875	—	Houston	8	4	.667	—
California	8	3	.727	½	San Francisco	7	5	.583	1
Minnesota	7	3	.700	1	Cincinnati	6	6	.500	2
Kansas City	5	5	.500	3	Los Angeles	6	7	.462	2½
Chicago	4	6	.400	4	San Diego	5	7	.417	3
Seattle	5	8	.385	4½	Atlanta	4	7	.364	3½
Oakland	3	9	.250	6					

Tuesday's games

Texas 6, Cleveland 2.
Detroit 6, Kansas City 3.
New York 5, Baltimore 1.
Boston 6, Milwaukee 5.
California 6, Minnesota 0.
Chicago 6, Toronto 1.

Tuesday's games

Montreal 5, New York 4, 12 innings.
Chicago 5, St. Louis 3.
Philadelphia 13, Pittsburgh 2.
Cincinnati 7, Atlanta 4.
San Diego 4, San Francisco 3.
Los Angeles 10, Houston 6.

Hungarian leads in chess tournament

MONTREAL, April 18 (R)—Hungary's Lajos Portisch was in the lead with four points after five rounds of an international chess tournament here last night. World champion Anatoly Karpov of the Soviet Union was in a three-way tie for second. With Karpov at three and one-half points were Ljubomir Ljubojevic of Yugoslavia and Mikhail Tal of the Soviet Union. Ljubojevic defeated Lubos Kavalek of the United States when he resigned after the 59th move by white in a match adjourned from the fourth round. Players score one point for a win and one-half point for a draw in the 18-round tournament.

In other play today, Vlastimil Hort of Czechoslovakia drew with Jan Timman of The Netherlands. Robert Huebner of West Germany was in fifth position with three points. Tied for sixth with two points were Boris Spassky of the Soviet Union, Timman and Hort. Kavalek had one point and Bent Larsen of Denmark had one-half point.

British boxer becomes lightweight champion

GLASGOW, Scotland, April 18 (R)—Jim Watt of Britain became the world lightweight boxing champion here last night when he stopped Alfredo Pitalua of Colombia in the twelfth round of a memorable fight. Pitalua dominated the early stages but Watt knocked him down with a left hook in the seventh and gradually took command until the referee stepped in to save the Colombian from further punishment. The bout was for the World Boxing Council (WBC) lightweight crown, vacated by Panama's Roberto Duran, but the rival World Boxing Association (WBA) have no champion and Watt could soon be recognised as undisputed king of this division. Watt lived up to his reputation as a slow starter despite the roars of his home town crowd. Pitalua turned in an aggressive performance and looked the likely winner for most of the contest. But he seemed to run out of stamina and was hardly able to defend himself as Watt forced him onto the ropes in the last two rounds.

Danish striker to play for Barcelona

COPENHAGEN, April 18 (R)—Danish striker Allan Simonsen, who has been playing for West German club Borussia Moenchengladbach, is being transferred to Barcelona of Spain for \$2.6 million, Danish Football Association sources said here yesterday. The sources said that a three-year contract would be signed in Barcelona under which Borussia will receive \$1.6 million dollars and Simonsen five million crowns \$1 million. It would include a clause allowing the 27-year-old Simonsen to play for Denmark in international matches.

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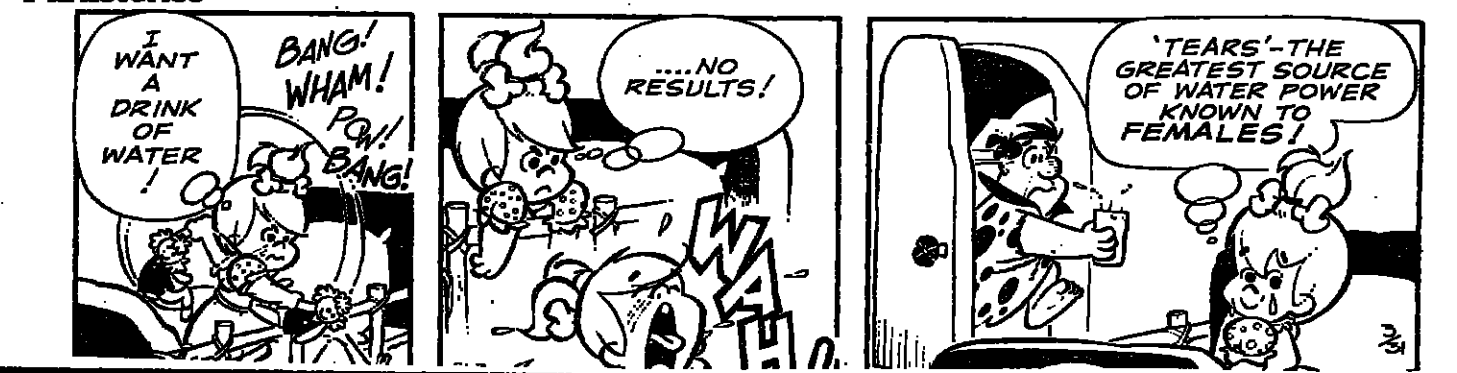
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6:30 Dick Turpin	7:45 Sports magazine
7:00 Arabic competition programme	8:30 Comedy
8:40 News in Arabic	9:10 Wuthering Heights
8:50 Arabic series	10:40 News in English
10:15 Movie of the week	10:15 Movie of the week
11:00 News in Arabic	

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7:00 Sign on	14:00 News bulletin
7:30 Morning show	14:10 Music
7:50 News Bulletin	14:30 Special feature
7:50 Morning show	15:00 Concert Hour
10:00 News Headlines	16:05 Easy listening
10:30 Happy Journey	16:30 Old favourites
11:00 Sign off	17:00 Arabian nights
12:00 Sign on and News headlines	17:30 Radiotheque
12:05 Radiotheque	18:00 News summary
13:00 News Summary	18:05 Album review
13:05 Radiotheque	
	19:00 News bulletin
	19:10 News reports
	19:30 Sign off

BBC RADIO

G.M.T.	13:30 Network U.K.
04:50 Newswatch	13:45 The Pheasant's Years
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08:00 News: Reflections	18:00 News: News about Britain
09:00 News: Press Review	18:15 Radio Newswatch
09:30 Financial News	18:30 Take it or leave it
09:40 Look Ahead	19:00 Outlook: News Summary
09:45 Magical Mystery Tour	19:25 Stock Market
10:15 Voice of the Violin	19:45 Poetry and Music
10:30 My Music	20:00 News: 24 Hours
11:00 News: News about Britain	20:30 A Jolly Good Show
11:15 Nature Notebook	21:15 Ulster Newsletter
11:30 Breakfast Matica	21:20 In the Metrolite
12:00 Radio Newswatch	21:30 Business Matters
12:15 Top Twenty	22:00 News, World Today
12:45 Sports Round-up	22:30 Financial News
13:00 News: 24 hours	22:45 Sports Round-up
	23:00 News, Commentary

VOICE OF AMERICA

G.M.T.	19:00 News Roundup
12:30 The Breakfast Show	repetition, opinion, analysis
13:00 News, pop music, features, interviews, questions	19:30 VOA Magazine, American, science, culture, letters
17:15 News Roundup, reports, opinion, analysis	20:00 Special English, news, analysis
17:30 News Roundup, reports, opinion, analysis	20:15 Music USA (Jazz)
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19:30 Non Music USA	22:00 News, Correspondent's reports, background features, media comments, analysis

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10:20 Beirut	11:00 New York
10:30 Ras Alghundi (BA)	11:30 Paris
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12:40 Riyadh (SDI)	12:00 Geneva, London
17:15 Athens, London	12:30 Athens, Madrid
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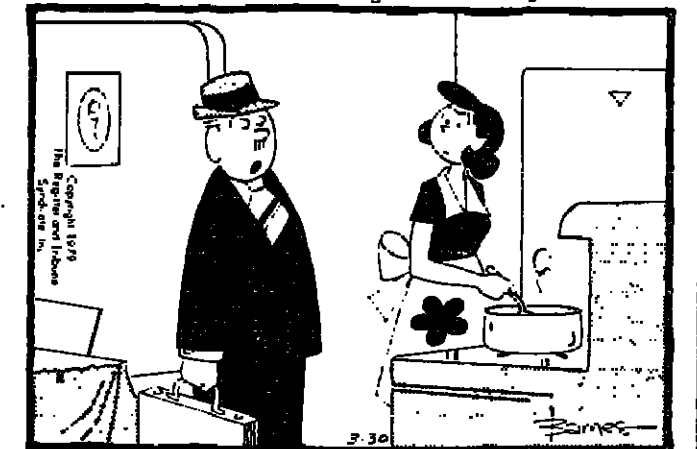
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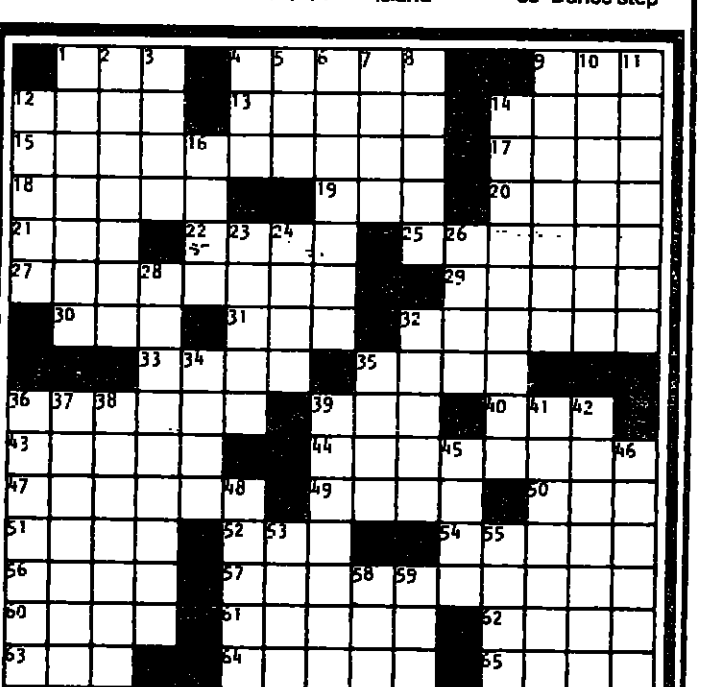
THE BETTER HALF By Barnes



"What made your eyes so red? Slicing onions or watching soap operas?"

THE Daily Crossword by Bert H. Kruse

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4 Cordage material	2 Blood relation term
9 Flying org.	3 Ending for insist or persist
12 African leader	4 Soak
13 Like a sheep	5 "— got you under my skin"
14 Mineo and Maglie	6 Like a saint
15 Miser	7 Baxter
17 Use needles	8 Philippine island
18 Lost	
19 Permit	
20 Willow	
21 Cheer word	
22 Track event	
25 Verdi opera	
27 Misers	
28 In quest of	
30 Before tome or gram	
31 Energy item	
32 Staring angrily	
33 Smooching	
35 Three: Ger.	
36 Cuban dances	
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43 Cruise milieu	
44 Idle	
47 One who gawks	
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56 Concern of three monkeys	
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U.S. officials fear further cutback in Saudi oil production

WASHINGTON, April 18 (R)—Energy officials said yesterday they fear Saudi Arabia may cut back production even further at a time when petrol and heating oil stocks are at seriously low levels in the United States.

The Saudis pushed production to 9.5 million barrels a day at the height of the Iranian crisis, but have recently reduced it to 8.5 million barrels.

The officials said the Carter administration was worried that the Saudis might stand by a projection at the start of the year that their 1979 output would average 8.5 million barrels a day.

To accomplish this, the officials said, it would be necessary to put production below current levels to offset the higher output during the Iran crisis.

The United States burns between 20 and 21 million barrels of oil a day, including some ten million barrels of foreign oil.

Saudi Arabia provides about half the U.S. imports and any cutback would be a blow since stocks of petroleum are unusually low. Normally, petrol consumption increases heavily during the coming months and the period is also used to build up heating oil stocks for the coming winter.

Ominous sign

The officials also said U.S. motorists showed no inclination to reduce their driving in big, thirsty cars, despite warnings of tight petrol supplies. "It is a very, very ominous sign," they said.

Before the revolution Iran exported over five million barrels a day. Although the new government resumed production, it is less than 2.5 million barrels, of which 70,000 is used domestically.

In an agreement earlier this year with 20-member International Energy Agency, the United States said it would cut projected imports of 9.5 million barrels a day by one million bar-

rels. The officials said oil consumption had already been cut by about 100,000 barrels a day through bringing excess electricity from some parts of the country to areas where power relies mainly on oil.

In addition, another 200,000 barrels had been saved by power companies and manufacturing operations switching from oil to natural gas, the officials said.

In a related development, a congressional energy sub-

committee said President Carter's programme to end price controls on domestic oil, combined with inflation, could increase petrol prices by 20 cents a gallon.

Mr. Carter, in a plan to reduce oil imports while increasing domestic production, announced two weeks ago that he would phase out price controls on domestic oil by September 1981.

Administration officials said it would add four to five cents a gallon to the price of petrol, now averaging 75 cents a gallon.

As talks with China begin Vietnam calls for demilitarised zone, exchange of POWs

HONG KONG, April 18 (R)—Vietnam today opened border negotiations with China with a call for demilitarised zone on the common frontier and the speedy exchange of prisoners of war.

Vice Foreign Minister Phan Hien made the proposals at the start of discussions in Hanoi, the first time the two former allies have got round the negotiating table since their border war in February.

Mr. Phan Hien, whose lengthy opening speech was carried in full by the Vietnam News Agency, said the situation on the border was very tense.

He accused China of maintaining troop positions at ten points inside Vietnam and of massing "important military forces" along the border.

He called for both sides to agree to pull back their troops three to five kilometres from border positions held at the start of the war.

He also said the two sides should list their prisoners of war so that a speedy exchange could be arranged. It is not known how many Chinese POWs are in Vietnam. Estimates of the number of Vietnamese POWs in China range between 2,000 and 5,000.

Mr. Phan Hien said the communist neighbours should set up a joint commission to oversee the establishment of a demilitarised zone and the prisoner exchanges.

Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Han Nianlong, whose reply was reported by the New China News Agency, promised to study the Vietnamese proposals and said positive results were possible if Hanoi was in earnest about the negotiations.

His opening speech was less strident in tone than that of Mr. Phan Hien, who accused China of committing war crimes and village massacres which "surpass by far in savagery the U.S. imperialists' My Lai massacre which deeply shocked world opinion."

Mr. Han agreed that Sino-Vietnamese relations had deteriorated drastically but rejected Vietnamese accusations of expansionism: "China does not maintain a single military base or station a single soldier abroad," he said.

The New China News Agency also said that two Chinese and one Vietnamese were killed in ten clashes on the border in the past week. It accused Vietnamese troops of continuing armed provocations in China's border areas.



PEKING—China aims to "catch up" in industry, technology and agriculture by the year 2000. This is the theme of the panel in Shanghai pictured above, and people are shown doing calisthenics. (Gamma photo)

Life 'slowly returning to normal' for victims of Yugoslavia's quake

TITOGRAD, Yugoslavia, April 18 (R)—More after-shocks from last Sunday's devastating earthquake hit Yugoslavia's southern Adriatic coast today after an estimated 80,000 homeless spent the night outdoors in pouring rain.

Rain, fog and clouds slowed down army and police helicopters carrying tents to remote villages and towns, but officials here hoped most stricken areas would have enough tents by tonight.

They said life was slowly returning to normal with electricity being restored and food, medicines and other supplies pouring in from all over the country and abroad.

The strongest after-shock today measured six degrees on the 12-point Mercalli Scale compared with the nine-degree quake on Sunday. It was registered early today in the bay of Kotor, but no new casualties or damage were reported.

The quake on Sunday killed 200 people, injured 1,000 and caused enormous damage to buildings, tourist hotels, ports, industry and agriculture.

Seismological experts said the after-shocks were caused by the ground settling after the quake. More than 350 have been registered since Sunday.

Officials from the stricken region, which includes the coastal towns of Kotor, Budva, Bar and

Ulcinj as well as inland mountain villages, appealed for tents, urgently needed to shelter thousands of homeless families. They said there was enough food, medicine and blankets.

Health authorities in Budva, Bar and Ulcinj today began a mass vaccination of people against Typhoid.

U.S. remains divided on whether SALT 2 can be effectively monitored

WASHINGTON, April 18 (R)—The Carter administration today faced growing scepticism on whether the United States can monitor effectively Soviet compliance with a new Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (SALT) after the loss of listening posts in Iran.

Defence Secretary Harold Brown said yesterday the U.S. may be able to set up adequate facilities within a year to foil any major Soviet cheating on a new SALT agreement.

But he confirmed leaks of CIA estimates that it will take up to five years to make up fully for the loss of its sophisticated electronic listening posts in Iran which monitored Soviet missile tests.

Mr. Brown was responding to a charge by Republican Senator

USSR urges Chinese move toward talks

MOSCOW, April 18 (R)—The Soviet Union urged China in a note published last night to act on a proposal by Peking for talks to improve their bad relations.

In the latest public exchange between the two feuding communist giants, the diplomatic note was handed over by Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko to Chinese Ambassador Wang Youping and later published by the Soviet news agency Tass.

The note took up a suggestion for talks made in a Chinese message to the Russians two weeks ago, which announced Peking would terminate its 30-year-old friendship treaty with Moscow.

Moscow blamed Peking at the time for the deterioration in their relations, which have reached rock bottom in recent months. The latest Soviet note recalled a series of Kremlin initiatives to improve ties over the past decade.

The note repeated suggestions that the declaration contain pledges to renounce the use of force, treat each other as equals, respect each other's territory and sovereignty and refrain from interference in internal affairs.

"So the PRC (Chinese) Government knows well the approach of the Soviet Union to the subject and aims of talks between our countries and the concrete proposals of the Soviet side. The point is that this should be clear to both sides," it said.

"The Soviet side expects that with due account for the above stated considerations, the Chinese side will present its views on the subject and aims of the talks. On the attainment of agreement on this, it would be possible to discuss the question of the level and venue of the talks," it said.

Western diplomats in Moscow regarded the latest Soviet proposal as a move intended to pass the initiative for talks back to the Chinese. Last week the Soviet Union said Moscow and Peking could have avoided scrapping the friendship treaty by adjusting it to suit present conditions.

Jake Garn that there was nothing the country could do to make up for their loss before 1984. Senator Garn said CIA Director Stansfield Turner had told him and other members of the Senate Intelligence Committee that it would be five years before the U.S. could compensate for their loss by satellite monitoring and other means.

Mr. Brown said in a statement: "The Iranian monitoring sites supplied us with various kinds of information on the Soviet strategic missile programme, much of it connected with features that will be limited by the provisions of a SALT II treaty."

"Regaining all this monitoring capability, with or without a SALT II agreement, will take until 1983 or 1984, depending on how much we are able to accelerate programmes already underway."

"Regaining enough of it to verify adequately Soviet compliance with the provisions of SALT II, I estimate, will take about a year, again depending on how fast we can carry out monitoring programmes under development," Mr. Brown said.

The question of whether the United States will be able to detect any Soviet violations of the SALT II treaty is expected to be a major issue when the treaty goes to the Senate for approval.

Increasing doubts on this aspect have recently been voiced by some members of the Senate, where a two-thirds majority is needed for ratification.

World News Briefs

Italian kidnap victim released for \$800,000

TURIN, Italy, April 18 (R)—Kidnappers today released the grandson of the founder of Italy's Eni oil company who was abducted after a polo match three months ago, police said. The 22-year-old student, who was set free at the outskirts of this northwestern industrial city after payment of a ransom estimate at \$800,000 by family sources. The kidnappers first demanded \$5 million for the release of the student, one of 24 people kidnapped in Italy this year.

Romania backs African liberation movements

LUSAKA, Zambia, April 18 (AP)—Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu today left Lusaka for Maputo, Mozambique, after three days of talks with Zambian officials and representatives of Zambian-based black liberation movements. Mr. Ceausescu reaffirmed Romania's support for the black guerrilla struggles against the governments of Rhodesia, South West Africa and South Africa. He met with representatives of Mr. Joshua Nkomo's Zimbabwe African Peoples Union, of the South West Africa Peoples Organisation and the African National Congress of South Africa, all of which are fighting to establish black majority rule in their native countries.

St. Vincent Island volcano erupts briefly

KINGSTOWN, St. Vincent, April 18 (R)—The Soufriere volcano erupted again last night after three days of relative calm and a state-owned radio said the eruption was by far the strongest yet. Tremors from the latest eruption, the eighth in six days, were felt here in Kingstown, about 20 kilometres to the south. The time was short and violent, lasting only about 15 minutes. The British-based British high commissioner, Mr. Stanley Acheson, will fly to St. Vincent later today with another batch of British aid for the 150 people who have been evacuated to safe areas in the south of the island.

U.S. reportedly offers arms aid to Pakistan

NEW YORK, April 18 (R)—The United States has offered Pakistan arms and technical aid to try to persuade it to comply with international safeguards on nuclear power facilities, the New York Times newspaper reported yesterday. The U.S. recently cut off almost all economic and military aid to Pakistan because of indications it was secretly assembling the means to produce uranium suitable for use in nuclear weapons, the Times said. Government officials told the Times that the administration had decided to offer Pakistan planes and technical assistance for a small nuclear power programme. They said the offer was designed to persuade Pakistan to discuss making its nuclear facilities subject to international safeguards against weapons production.

Greek lab will seek ways to save Acropolis

ATHENS, April 18 (R)—The Greek Government has decided to set up a laboratory to find ways to preserve the marble in the ancient Athens Acropolis. Minister of Culture and Science Demetrios Nisiras said today. Mr. Nisiras said the laboratory, which will be equipped with the latest facilities, will work alongside an existing committee of experts appointed to study preservation measures for the Acropolis. The 2,500-year-old citadel in the heart of Athens. Meanwhile, the government has decided to replace statues on the Acropolis to museums and replace them with replicas.

Baptist clergyman to write Carter speeches

JEKYLE ISLAND, Georgia, April 18 (R)—A Georgia Baptist who helped President Carter with the speech he made at the signing of the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty last month has agreed to write a full-time speech writer at the White House, a presidential spokesman said yesterday. He is Dr. R.L. Maddox, 42-year-old pastor of the First Baptist Church of Calhoun, Georgia. Dr. Maddox has been pastor at the Calhoun Church for about seven years, while working at the White House in mid-May. He will be one of the speechwriters working for the president. His present job pays \$20,000 a year, with a free house. As a presidential speechwriter, he will get around \$37,000 and must find a place to live in Washington.

No major changes in Kremlin leadership following plenary session of Central Committee

MOSCOW, April 18 (AP)—The plenary session of the Communist Party's Central Committee ended yesterday without any major changes in the Kremlin leadership.

The Soviet news agency Tass said the Central Committee heard speeches by President Leonid Brezhnev and party theoretician Mikhail Suslov. Tass said the session approved proposals Mr. Brezhnev made for the first session of the new Supreme Soviet or parliament which opens today. Its members were elected in March.

The agency said Mr. Yakov Ryabov, at 50 one of the youngest leaders in the hierarchy, had been removed from the party secretariat where he had been in charge of the state defense industry.

But this move had been expected following an announcement last week that Mr. Ryabov had been appointed as first deputy

chief of the State Planning mission. The session also promoted Leonid Borodin, the first deputy of party committee in the Astrakhan region, a member of the Central Committee. He had been a candidate member.

The Central Committee fills places in the ruling Politburo and controls the Communist Party, has 287 full members and 139 candidate members.

Soviet and Western leaders described the results of the plenary meeting as routine and unimportant.

Mr. Ryabov was one of the committee's five secretaries and seemed to be in a position to hold a higher post. Observers said his appointment to the Planning Committee was another move to stall the promotion of younger men to the senior leadership.

U.S. judge clears way for \$2bn. damage claims relating to Amoco Cadiz oil spill

CHICAGO, April 18 (R)—A federal judge yesterday cleared the way for lawsuits seeking \$2 billion in damages from an American oil company over a massive spill from the wrecked tanker Amoco Cadiz along the French coast.

Suits from some 150 claimants ranging from the French Government to hoteliers and fishermen were held up until Judge Frank McGarr decided whether the Standard Oil Company of Indiana and its subsidiaries qualified for limited liability under U.S. law.

Judge McGarr ruled that the parent company, Standard Oil, and its subsidiary, Amoco International, the fleet operator of the Amoco Cadiz, could not claim limited liability.

But he held that another Standard subsidiary, Amoco Transport, which owned the ill-fated tanker, qualified under the law which limits liability to the value of the vessel after the mishap. This has been estimated at about \$800,000 dollars.

Amoco Cadiz went aground off Brittany in March last year, disgorging 220,000 tons of crude oil which polluted more than 160

kilometres of the French coastline.

More compensation?

Meanwhile, the world's marine experts yesterday started a four-day meeting here to consider a French proposal to increase the amount of compensation payable to victims of oil pollution resulting from marine accidents.

The meeting is the second session of the International Oil Pol-

lution Compensation Fund set up in 1971 by the United Nations Inter-governmental Maritime Consultative Organisation (IMCO).

France made the proposal after the Amoco Cadiz incident.

According to an IMCO spokesman, the shipowner responsible for such an accident is required to pay a maximum amount of compensation of \$18 million and the fund \$21 million.

U.K. management suspends reappearance of The Times

LONDON, April 18 (R)—The Times newspaper will not be published until further notice, the management said yesterday after the failure of talks with unions over the introduction of new technology.

The newspaper, Britain's oldest and best known daily, was last published on Nov. 30, but the management had hoped that recent talks would lead to its reappearance yesterday.

That target arrived without agreement and a statement issued after a management meeting said the 3,000 workers in dispute would not be re-hired as of last night.

But it said that those who did turn up for work this week would be paid while meetings already arranged with the unions in the next few days took place.

"This does not, however, represent re-engagement nor reinstatement, nor does Times Newspapers see any prospect of general agreement, taking place at present," the statement added.

The main printers' union, the National Graphical Association (NGA), has been objecting to the introduction of new computerised typesetting technology. The NGA has stated that 270 of its members would lose their jobs.

The Times' supplements and The Sunday Times are also affected and they have not been published since Nov. 30, when the management suspended workers and stopped the presses.

Since then several unions, including the journalists, have reached agreement with the management and have been paid even though the newspapers have not appeared.

Britain's employment minister intervened in an attempt to resolve the outstanding dispute with the 600 printers and clerical and other workers.

But the attempt failed and the

NGA's National Executive is due to meet tomorrow to consider its next move.

Thirteen million copies of The Times and The Sunday Times were lost through industrial disputes last year before the suspension of publication.

Although the management said in its statement that it was actively considering the courses open to it, a spokesman said that this did not include either closing the newspaper or selling off the titles.

"We are willing to go on negotiating despite everything and find a solution, which we will eventually," the spokesman said.

France cracks down on stolen paintings racket

PARIS, April 18 (R)—One of France's leading art dealers, Mr. Paul Petrides, 77, was sentenced to three years' jail yesterday for receiving stolen paintings.

His conviction with six other accused capped a trial which rocked the Parisian art world with evidence of the sale abroad of stolen masterpieces without effective controls by customs or museum authorities.

Mr. Petrides, a dapper figure in an impeccably cut dark suit, denied he had purchased canvases, including works by Renoir, Vlaminck and Utrillo, knowing they were stolen in 1973 from the Paris home of a wealthy businessman.

Passing sentence, Judge Jean-Michel Guth said Mr. Petrides' offence was particularly serious since he was an acknowledged expert, who was even consulted by the French customs on the authenticity and origin of paintings. "He used his reputation to hide his fraudulent conduct," the judge

said. Mr. Marc Francolet, 31, a former press photographer, was also sent to prison for three years for receiving stolen goods. The prosecution accused Mr. Francolet of being the link between the thieves and Mr. Petrides.

Mr. Petrides was additionally fined \$7,000 dollars and Mr. Francolet \$1,160 dollars. Five other accomplices received sentences ranging from six months to two years, and two men were acquitted.

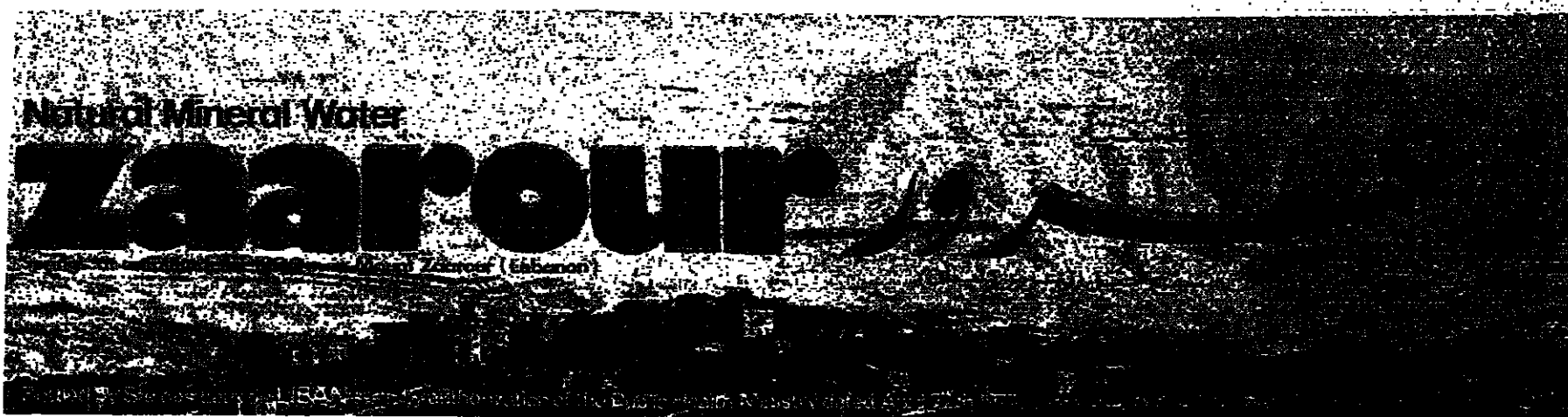
Mr. Petrides, who was allowed to remain free pending an appeal, was born in Greece. A tailor by trade, he arrived penniless in Paris in 1920.

His meteoric career as a dealer started when he befriended artists whose work now fetch fabulous prices, supplying a suit in exchange for a canvas to painters like Utrillo, Derain and Fouljka. Later he acquired exclusive rights to market Utrillo's work, and made a fortune.

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